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SUBJECT: COMMODITIES: G-77 PREPARATIONS FOR COMMON FUND MEETING

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1. PHILIPPINES ALMOST INVARIABLY REFLECTS CONSENSUS OF GROUP OF 77 ON ANY GIVEN NORTH-SOUTH ISSUE. IN MANY INSTANCES, GOP DOES NOT REPEAT NOT PREPARE POSITION PAPERS, AS WE KNOW THEM, AND THE GOP REPRESENTATIVE ATTENDING THE MEETING IN QUESTION EITHER DEPENDS ON HIS PERSONAL EXPERIENCE, FOLLOWS LEAD OF GROUP OF 77, OF KEEPS MUM. AS PART OF HIS ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HIS THIRD WORLD CREDENTIALS, PRESIDENT MARCOS HAS COMMITTED HIS GOVERNMENT TO THE UNCTAD PROGRAM IN GENERAL AND IN PARTICULAR, PLEDGED 20  
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MILLION DOLLARS TO THE COMMON FUND DURING THE 1976 MANILA MINISTERIAL MEETING OF THE GROUP OF 77. REF B DISCUSSES MARCOS' COMMITMENT TO THE UNCTAD PROGRAM AND OBSERVES THAT THIS COMMITMENT WILL PROBABLY REMAIN FIRM, EVEN THOUGH UNCTAD PROGRAM IS OF DOUBTFUL ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO HIS COUNTRY.

2. FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH MR. DELFINO BONDAD, HEAD OF UNCTAD SECTION, DEPARTMENT OF TRADE. IF A POSITION PAPER IS PREPARED AND IF SOMEONE ATTENDS THE COMMON FUND TALKS FROM MANILA, BONDAD'S OFFICE WILL BE INVOLVED. HOWEVER, DECISIONS ON THESE MATTERS WILL NOT REPEAT NOT BE MADE UNTIL MUCH LATER DATE, AND IT MAY BE THAT GOP MISSION IN GENEVA, IN THE ABSENCE OF ANY SPECIFIC EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FROM MANILA, WILL HANDLE EVERYTHING. REPLIES BELOW ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS CONTAINED PARA 3, REF A.

A. GOP POSITION WILL FOLLOW LEAD OF GROUP OF 33. EM-BASSY HAS SEEN NO EVIDENCE THAT OFFICIALS IN MANILA CONCERNED WITH UNCTAD HAVE MADE ANY EFFORT TO INFLUENCE OR DIRECT UNCTAD POLICY. GOP MISSION IN GENEVA MAY, HOWEVER, TAKE AN ACTIVE ROLE IN UNCTAD DISCUSSIONS, EXERCISING A CERTAIN INDEPENDENCE, WITHIN OVERALL MARCOS DIRECTIVE TO SUPPORT G-77, UNDER RATHER FLEXIBLE PROCEDURES WHICH PREVAIL, GOP "POSITION" MAY NOT BE FORMALLY APPROVED (OR EVEN WRITTEN DOWN, FOR THAT MATTER).

B. OFFICIALS FROM MANILA DO SOMETIMES PARTICIPATE AS PART OF FILIPINO DELEGATION, BUT THERE SEEMS TO BE NO DEFINITE PATTERN. DECISION IS MADE FOR ALL BUT MOST IMPORTANT MEETINGS ON BASIS OF AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS, POSSIBILITY FOR OFFICIAL TO ATTEND SEVERAL MEETINGS DURING CONFIDENTIAL

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ING ONE TRIP, ETC. WE DOUBT GOP CAN BE PERSUADED TO MORE CLOSELY INSTRUCT ITS DELEGATION AS RESULT OF DISCUSSIONS WITH USG REPS. GOP AUTHORITIES HAVE ADOPTED "LOW PROFILE" STYLE IN UNCTAD WHICH SEEMS TO SUIT THEIR GOALS REASONABLY WELL.

C. ALTHOUGH NO DECISION HAS BEEN MADE, BONDAD BELIEVES PHILIPPINE AMBASSADOR BRILLANTES IN GENEVA MAY HEAD GOP DELEGATION AND MOST EFFECTIVE BILATERAL APPROACH, ON "EXPERT" LEVEL, WOULD PROBABLY BE DIRECTLY TO GOP'S GENEVA MISSION AND TO BRILLANTES. ASEAN MAY ATTEMPT TO COORDINATE THEIR VIEWS ON THE COMMON FUND AT THE ECONOMIC MINISTERS MEETING SEPTEMBER 2-4, BUT MINISTERS HAVE A VERY FULL AGENDA, AND WILL CERTAINLY NOT REPEAT NOT ENTER INTO THE DETAILS. GOP WILL PROBABLY BE VERY RELUCTANT TO TAKE LEAD IN ESPOUSING U.S. POSITION WITHIN ASEAN DUE TO POST-COLONIAL SENSITIVITIES, AND FOR THAT REASON, WE DO NOT REPEAT NOT HOLD OUT MUCH HOPE THAT UNDER SECRETARY COOPER, SHOULD HE CHOOSE TO RAISE THIS TOPIC WITH MARCOS, WOULD HAVE MUCH SUCCESS IN PERSUADING THE PRESIDENT TO BRING HIS GOVERNMENT'S POSITION CLOSER TO OURS.  
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